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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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STUDY ON ILL EFFECTS OF SOFT DRINKS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study on the ill-effects caused by drinking by soft drinks;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken by the Government as a result thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): The National Level Expert Group to guide the pesticide residues sub-committee of CCFS, constituted by the Ministry of Health & F.W. under the chairmanship of Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research, in its report has observed that the studies to establish co-relationship between consumption of carbonated water and its effects on health are extremely difficult as it involved several confounding factors. The Expert Group has recommended that there is a need to carry out well controlled studies to assess effect of consumption of carbonated water on health. The Indian Council of Medical Research has already been requested to initiate such studies. ICMR is currently examining the feasibility of carrying out such a study.